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5. SECTION III/5 - DRV - DECREASE IN GRES PERSONNEL IN DRV FROM NOV 62 TO DEC 64

Evidence of a general decline in the number of Soviet technicians in North Vietnam over the past ten years is revealed by a comparison of figures reported regularly by Soviet representatives in Hanoi to the Soviet State Committee for Foreign Economic Relations (GRES), Moscow.

These figures appear in reports which are transmitted during the first few days of each month. Each report gives a total which is presumed to refer to current GRES personnel strength in North Vietnam. In addition, each report shows a breakdown into four or, at times, five categories, designated a, b, c, d, and e. These designators may represent categories or GRES personnel corresponding to the five organizations subordinate to GRES, this supposition, however, cannot be verified at the present time. Organizations subordinate to GRES include Promashkeksport, Tekhnosport, Tekhnopromeksport, and Tyashpromeksport, all four of which handle industrial aid, as well as the Chief Engineering Directorate (possible category "e") which handles military aid.

The following table presents data from the available reports starting Nov 1962, through December 1964.

CATEGORY:	a	b	c	d	e	TOTAL
Nov 62	195	107	7	3	2	314.....
Dec 64	60	45	43	2	-	150

(DIRNSA, 21/0/ [ ] 2730-64, 211918Z DEC) (TSB)

16. SECTION III/4 - LAOS - LOCATION OF THREE PRISONERS, INCLUDING TWO ALLEGED AMERICANS, HELD BY VIETNAMESE IN SOUTHERN LAOS

A Lao who was serving as an interpreter for the Vietnamese in September 64 at Ban Pa-cuoi, formerly known as Ban Pak Nang, saw three prisoners escorted by two Vietnamese soldiers each armed with two colt automatics as they were leaving the village. The Lao, who was between 20 and 30 meters from the prisoners for ten minutes and then briefly within five meters of them, said that two of the men were Americans and the third a fair-skinned Asian, whom the Vietnamese said was a Thai. The two Americans had long hair and beards. The prisoners wore shoes but not hats and were dressed in blue one-piece uniforms of the type worn by pilots. They smoked as they marched; they walked without limping and appeared to be in good health. One of the Americans was fairly tall and had a light complexion, a hollow face and a prominent nose. The second American was shorter and heavier and had a ruddy complexion.

A Vietnamese for whom the Lao had been acting as interpreter told the Lao that the prisoners were destined for Dong Pa Penai, a village also known as Nam Ngo and Houei Khan Ma, where they would be held indefinitely.

[ ] contained extensive details on the crash of an Air America C-46 plane on 5 September 63 at Ban Ma Seng May. Two Americans, Two Thais and one Chinese survived the crash. The Pathet Lao took the survivors of the crash to Huong Phine and then moved them in smaller groups to other locations. [ ] refers to five prisoners, including one American, two Thais and two Chinese Nationalists, seen walking between Tha Khong and Ban Sop Nam on 10 October 63.

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